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Yau Ma Tei	6.50	8.25	10.40	12.10	1.25	4.45	5.35	7.20
Shatin	7.00	8.35	10.50	12.20	1.35	4.55	5.45	7.30
Tai Po	7.10	8.45	11.00	12.30	1.45	5.05	5.55	7.40
Tai Po Market	7.20	8.55	11.10	12.40	1.55	5.15	6.05	7.50
Fanning	7.30	9.05	11.20	12.50	2.05	5.25	6.15	8.00
Shuenghui	7.40	9.15	11.30	13.00	2.15	5.35	6.25	8.10
Shum Chun	7.50	9.25	11.40	13.10	2.25	5.45	6.35	8.20

Stations	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Shum Chun	8.10	9.45	11.60	13.20	2.45	5.65	6.55	8.40
Shuenghui	8.20	9.55	11.70	13.30	2.55	5.75	7.05	8.50
Fanning	8.30	10.05	11.80	13.40	3.05	5.85	7.15	9.00
Tai Po Market	8.40	10.15	11.90	13.50	3.15	5.95	7.25	9.10
Tai Po	8.50	10.25	12.00	14.00	3.25	6.05	7.35	9.20
Shatin	9.00	10.35	12.10	14.10	3.35	6.15	7.45	9.30
Yau Ma Tei	9.10	10.45	12.20	14.20	3.45	6.25	7.55	9.40
Kowloon	9.20	10.55	12.30	14.30	3.55	6.35	8.05	9.50

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Kowloon	6.40	8.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.25	7.10
Yau Ma Tei	6.50	8.25	10.40	12.10	1.25	4.45	5.35	7.20
Shatin	7.00	8.35	10.50	12.20	1.35	4.55	5.45	7.30
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OUR LONDON LETTER.

A NEW TRANSLATION OF THE
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ORDINARY EFFORT.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, November 20th.

PENNY POSTAGE.
A discussion is going on with regard to the restoration of penny postage. The old argument is pressed that with a return to the humble penny more business would result, and in the end the Post Office would gain financially. There is also the question of public convenience and popular approval. I am assured on good authority that the Post Office as a Department would welcome a penny post and the abolition of the printed paper rate. A penny an ounce for all matter in sealed packets would greatly simplify the work of postal servants, and would, moreover, remove a constant source of irritation. One suggestion is that a Select Committee should be appointed to investigate and report on the whole subject of postal reform—a very wide subject, it is true, but an inquiry of that kind has been long overdue.

I believe the chief stumbling-block in the way of cheaper postage is the rate of wages paid to postal workers. The fact that when other branches of the Civil Service had increased a few years ago under a basic scale agreed upon at the time the Post Office workers were not. Now, their claims are to be pressed. Another point is that large numbers of ex-servicemen are employed as postmen, and as they are not physically capable of doing as much work as younger able-bodied men they are a drag on the Department considered from the standpoint of profit and loss. What it really amounts to is this—Is the Post Office to be run for service or for profit?

LLOYD GEORGE'S PARTY MILLIONS.

There are many complaints among Liberals because the party did not put nearly so many candidates in the field at the General Election as the other parties. The explanation of a well-informed Liberal with whom I discussed the matter is that they had not the money. He tells me that the party funds accumulated by Mr. Lloyd George while he was Prime Minister in the Coalition and head of the Coalition Liberals were not allowed to be used at the recent General Election.

Of course, these were not the funds of the orthodox party led by Mr. Asquith. They were "L.C.'s" party funds. They are said to run into about four millions. Perhaps Mr. Lloyd George foresees another General Election in which they will be more usefully applied. But among the heart-searchings proceeding in the Liberal Party at present on account of the calamity at the polls, the fact that this "Lloyd George money" was not available excites unfavourable—and even better comment.

THE BIBLE OF A NEW DRESS.

It is interesting to note how the newspaper reviewers deal with the new translation of the Bible by Dr. James Moffat, Professor of Church History in the United Free Church College, Glasgow, the first volume of which is published this week. Generally speaking, the line taken is one of adverse criticism. This is not surprising when one considers the hold that the text of the authorized version of the Bible has upon the hearts and minds of the English race. It is part of our national heritage, and is unmatched for sheer beauty of language. I do not profess to know how much attention will be paid to Dr. Moffat's translation after the first feeling of curiosity has been satisfied as to the way he has accomplished his self-imposed task of putting the Bible into, as he states, "effective and intelligible English." Incidentally it might be asked whether there has ever been any English difficulty in understanding the English of the old version that was rendered by the translators 300 years ago. But as a sample of Dr. Moffat's efforts at something better and more intelligible I may say that he will not permit us to speak of Noah's Ark. It should be Noah's Barge. Fancy a little child crying in its cot for Noah's Barge! He also takes exception to the Garden of Eden, and proceeds to improve and make intelligible the story by insisting that the Garden is a "park."

To take another specimen of Dr. Moffat's translation of the Bible into "effective and intelligible English," there is the passage in the authorized version wherein is the beautiful sentence: "Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided." Dr. Moffat renders this as follows: "Saul and Jonathan loved and lived, never divided in death." When Dr. Moffat has finished with the Bible perhaps someone will persuade him to "translate" Shakespeare!

POLITICAL SOCIAL SEASON.

I hear that there is considerable joy in the West End of London at the accession of the Conservative Party to power apart from the political reasons connected with that auspicious event. The fact that the Party is back again with every prospect of years in office means that there will be political entertaining on a scale that has not been seen for many years past.

With the balance of parties in the House of Commons like what we had for some time it was impossible for members to get away to any extent while the Houses were sitting. In the last Baldwin Administration the Conservative majority was so small that dinner parties were out of the question. Members could not get away because they never knew when their votes would be needed. Now, however, they will be comparatively free men. Consequently there will be keen competition to secure the attendance of Cabinet Ministers for receptions at the big houses in the West End, and the rank and file of Members can also be relied upon to turn up without fear of incurring the wrath of the Whips.

The Conservative Party in power also means that a good time is in store for West End tradesmen and others who rely upon a gay social political season for prosperity.

ARTHUR ROBERTS'S BENEFIT.

There was a packed but attentive audience at the Alhambra Theatre for the afternoon "All Star" matinee arranged for the benefit of Mr. Arthur Roberts, the greatest comedian of his time, who is now over seventy years of age. The list of patrons of the testimonial performance show that although the old time music hall may have lost the favour of the younger generation the memories of that form of popular entertainment of the 'eighties and 'nineties are rooted deep and wide. Among those present in the highly-prized seats were representatives of the stage, the turf, politics, literature and art. Over £2,500 was raised for the veteran, and this sum will doubtless prove useful as a prop for declining years.

Some good judges hold that it is possible to trace the influence of Arthur Roberts in nearly all the best of the comedian business that we have had since the great man himself used to keep the Town amused with his songs and his original wit. Arthur Roberts was always a first-class artist. It was remarked by Vesta Tilley (now Lady de Frece) the other day that Arthur Roberts was the first man who dared to be funny on a London music hall stage without the help of comic clothes and a red nose. Fifty years ago it was only an exceptional artist who could do that. In his time Arthur Roberts made more than one fortune, but like Marie Lloyd he gave away the money he made as fast as it came to hand.

MR. E. D. MOREL.

The question is being asked what will become of the Union of Democratic Control now that Mr. E. D. Morel has passed away. Socialist and Pacifist, he was returned for Dundee at the 1922 General Election when he defeated Mr. Winston Churchill, and he had since retained the seat. His death creates a vacancy in the House of Commons before the new Parliament assembles. He was a remarkable man in several ways. His father was M. Edmund Morel-de-Ville, a clerk in the French Civil service, and his mother belonged to an old Essex family. He was educated in England, and started life in a shipping office, at the same time contributing articles to various periodicals. It was not, however, till 1904 that he came before the public as the founder of the Congo Reform Association. Practically unknown, and without money, he began a campaign against the Belgian administration of the Congo, and it was not long before the world was ringing with accounts of the "Congo atrocities."

Later on Morel founded the Union of Democratic Control, and got into the unenviable position of being probably the best-hated man in England for his attacks on the Allies during the war, their alleged "secret agreements," and the supposed Imperialistic aims of France. He was in the very front rank of the fanatics who, while this country was fighting for its life, was the steadfast friend of Germany. He went to prison for a breach of the Defence of the Realm Regulations. One of his early friends was the notorious Roger Casement, who was shot during the war as a traitor. The Union of Democratic Control will probably cease to exist now that Morel is gone, and nobody will regret it. It is said that he was far from a happy man; and who can wonder?

MR. E. S. MONTAGU.

The obituary notices in the Press of Mr. E. S. Montagu deal kindly with his career, which is a fact worth mentioning in view of the heated controversy that he created over his policy of administration in India. There are some, of course, who cannot forgive him for his attitude over the Amritsar affair, for they hold that it was his duty as Secretary of State for India to have supported General Dyer. I believe that everyone with first-hand knowledge of India, or with experience of native races under British rule in any part of the world, are quite convinced that the Montagu attitude was profoundly wrong. Certainly it requires no great knowledge of history to perceive that the British Empire could never have been established if in times gone by the men on the spot had been left in the lurch as Dyer was by his politician who has now gone to his long account. The marvellous thing when one looks back to that period is that Mr. Montagu was able to suppress the facts from coming out in 1910—which was the Summer of the Peace Conference and also the Summer of his India Bill—until the end of the year. How he did it is a mystery which still remains unsolved.

Mr. Montagu was a very able man, with all the Jewish instinct for finance, and he was exceedingly conscientious. But, of course, it is the well-meaning man who, if he blunders, usually blunders very badly indeed, because he is so satisfied in his own mind that he is right that he will pay no heed to the logic of facts which tell against him, and ignores the warnings or advice of others. It is curious to recall that Mr. Montagu really disliked politics, and only went into Parliament to please his father, the late Lord Swaythling, who ruled his household like a Hebrew patriarch. None of his children ever thought of opposing the paternal will, and so Edwin Montagu who wanted to be a scientist adopted a career which he heartily disliked. Perhaps it was not surprising that he was not a success as a House of Commons man.—H.B.

Dr. Rouse presided at the annual dinner of the Old Persian Society, held at Cambridge on November 22nd. Major-General Sir Fabian Ware, the chief guest, said the one great lesson of the war was co-operation. In spite of the fact that some years had passed since the war he thought they might still ask if there was anything the war had taught them as to how to replace the men who had gone.

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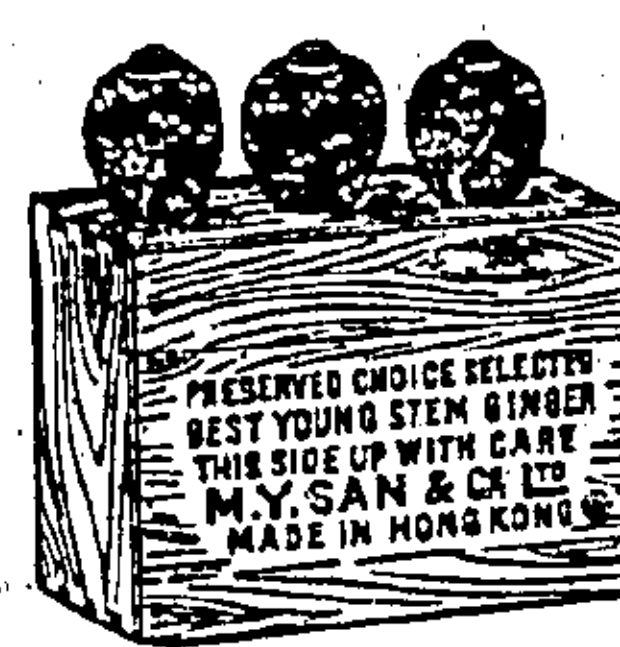
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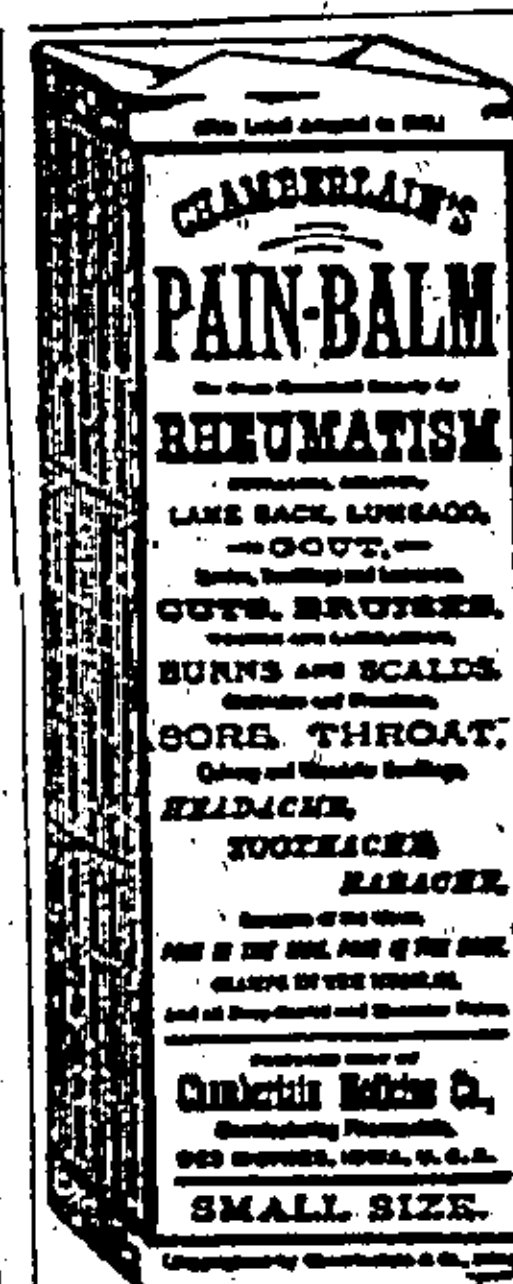
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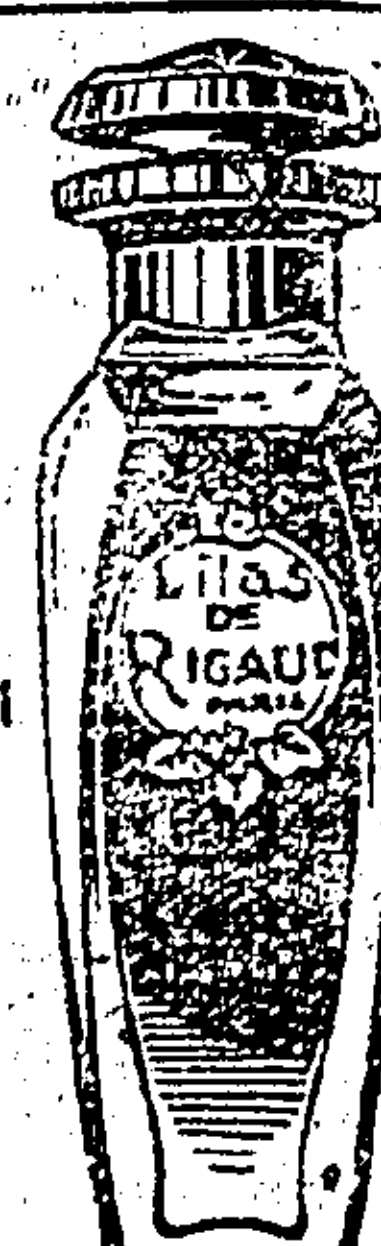
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FOOTBALL.

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Division I.	
E. Surreys Regt. 3	R.A. 0
H.M.S. Tamar 2	South China "B" 0
Hongkong Club 1	South China "A" 1
Kowloon 0	Hongkong Police 0
Division II.	
Club de Rec. "A" 13	St. Joseph's "B" 0
E. Surreys Res. 3	Kowloon Res. 0
University 2	South China "D" 1
Sacred Heart 1	South China "A" 1
E. Surreys Drums 2	St. Joseph's "A" 1
H.K. Club Res. 0	Club de Rec. "B" 0

HONGKONG CLUB v. SOUTH CHINA "A."

The attendance on the Club ground this week showed a decided falling off at the league game between the Hongkong Club and South China "A". The game opened briskly with the wing men on both sides showing fine speed, but making the mistake of attempting to score instead of placing the ball in the centre and leaving the scoring to the inside men. Several good openings were lost early in the game by the ball being sent behind. South China defence opened weakly. Early in the game, Jones was given a chance, but sent over the bar. Ip Kau, who replaced Suen Kum Shun at inside right, missed after being let in by Watson. Gerrard handled just outside the penalty area and Lai Wai Tong threw away a fine opening by sending well over the bar. A ding dong game ensued, both teams playing up well in the open. Bishop and Gerrard putting in some big kicking. Ip Kau made a good opening for Wong Pak Chong, but the whistle sounded for offside. When the centre was close up to Rodgers. At the interval there was no score. Resuming, the play continued fast and South China took the lead after five minutes' play. Ip Kau had received from a corner kick and Bishop charged down the shot but the ball went out to touch. From the throw-in, the ball was sent to Lai Wai Tong who, with a fine cross shot, beat Rodgers and opened the score for South China.

For a time the Club lived up, but Choong Wing Shing and Lai Yuk Tat were in good fettle and kept their opponents out. Offside play by Ip Kau spoiled a good opening for South China. The Club then forced a corner and following a weak clearance by Lai Yuk Tat, Jones placed Forsyth in possession and the latter sent the ball into the net, making fifteen minutes' play. With fifteen minutes remaining, it was either team's game, but shooting was wild and the goalkeepers were given little to do. Lai Wai Tong had a shot at goal, but the ball struck the crossbar and went behind. Howard should have given the Club the lead, but he missed on two occasions when nicely placed. Just on time, a goal looked certain for South China, but Ip Kau turned the ball outside the upright from close range. The final whistle sounded with the score one goal all.

Ip Kau coming into the team at the last minute did not play up to his usual form or South China would have finished with a big margin. Leung Yuk Tong was the outstanding player for South China, while the left wing kept Gerrard very busy. Lau Hing Cheung appeared to be unswitched when the ball was sent in by Forsyth.

For the Club, Stewart worked hard and he was well supported by his wing halves. The Club forwards could not get going and lacked understanding. A good chance of scoring was missed by several of them trying to kick the ball at the same time. Bishop was the scinder of the backs but did not play his usual game. Gerrard put in some wild kicking and was often out of place. Rodgers was a helpless when Lai Wai Tong scored the goal against him.

The teams:
H.K. Club—G. Rodgers; Gerrard and Bishop; Mair, J. Stewart and Watson; Pile, Forsyth, Jones, Howard and Key.
South China—Lau Hing Cheung; Lai Yuk Tat and Chung Wing Shing; Leung Yuk Tong, Wong Shui Wa and Lam Yuk Ying; Pang Kam Wung, Ip Kau, Wong Pak Chong, Lai Wai Tong and Chan Kwong Lu.
Referee: Mr. Spencer.

EAST SURREYS v. R.A.

These teams met for the first time this season and, although it was fully expected that the East Surreys would win, the spectators were more than surprised to see the game put up by the R.A. At one time it looked as if the Surreys would lose by a big margin; for, after fifteen minutes' play, the Gunners were two goals to the good. However, the persistent play of the Surreys' inside forwards served them in good stead and they won the game with ten minutes to spare.

The R.A. forced the pace from the start Harris had hard luck with a shot in the opening minute, the ball just missing the upright and resting in the net the wrong side of the post. This net the wrong side of the post. The Surreys' play of the Surreys' inside forwards served them in good stead and they won the game with ten minutes to spare.

The East Surreys, finding themselves two goals down, took up the attack in earnest and by next combination the forwards worked the ball through the defence and Butler gave Stanton no chance with a fast shot from close range. Play continued fast and interesting, but there was no further scoring before the interval when the R.A. led by two goals to one.

From re-start, the play opened very fast and even, the Surreys determined to wipe out their deficit, while the Gunners went out for more goals. Stanton stopped a hot shot from Humberstone and at the other end Douglas saved

from Trim. Misunderstanding by the Gunners' defence, let in Humberstone, who gave Stanton no chance with a fast low drive. The East Surreys were now working hard for the lead and it was left to Eaton to score the winning goal; this he did with a first time shot after taking a pass from Charlesworth. The R.A. then tried hard to pull the game round, but the Surreys played a sound defensive game and when the final whistle sounded they were leading by three goals to two.

The game was well contested throughout and the Surreys won by staying the better. Stanton and Doody played a sound game and the goalie could not be blamed for the points scored against him. The middle line was the mainstay of the R.A. team. Trim who made his first appearance in league football should be a great acquisition to the Gunners' team.

The Surreys' forwards played their usual fine game, while Mitchell was outstanding in the defence.

The Teams—East Surreys:—Douglas; Cooper and Jordan; Petter, Mitchell and Bristowe; Charlesworth, Eaton, Humberstone, Butler and Mackleworth.

R.A.: Stanton; Doody; Harris; Reade, Rachell and Vickers; Harris, Sargent, Trim, Tacey and Sowler.
Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

KOWLOON v. POLICE.

On the Railway ground at Kowloon, these teams played a drawn game. From the start the police took up the attack and Duncan saved twice from Simpson. At the other end, Clarke saved shots from Knight and McBride. There was little to choose between the teams as the forwards on both sides were held by the defence. Half-time no score.

The second half was a repetition of the first, both teams playing well but neither could score and the game ended in a goalless draw.

The Teams—Kowloon:—A. Duncan; F. Wheeler and Reed; Turner, McKelvie and Pasco; Clemon, McBride, Knight, Vickers and Spary.

Police:—A.E. Clarke; Wynne and McWalter; Oram, Dewar and Fenn; Pearson, Forbes, Johnson, Goodwin and Simpson.

"Tamar" v. South China "B."

On the Navy "A" ground, the Tamar beat South China by two goals to nil. Halfway through the first half the sailors took the lead, and although South China several times visited the Tamar goal they failed to score.

Half-time, Tamar 1, South China 0.

The second half went greatly in favour of the Tamar but they failed to score until a South China player handled in the penalty area, when they improved their position from the resulting spot kick. Final score, Tamar 2, South China 0.

CLUB DE RECREIO "A" v. ST. JOSEPH'S "B."

Taking advantage of a weak team opposed to them, the Club de Recreio "A" put on a record score when playing against St. Joseph's "B" on the Kowloon ground. At the interval they were leading by five clear goals, Rocha (4) and Ogley. In the second half, the Club put on eight goals. Rocha (4), Furtado (2), A.A. Remedios and A.V. Remedios won by thirteen goals to nil. St. Joseph's fielded eight men only throughout the game.

SURREYS DRUMS v. ST.

The Surreys' Drums were successful on the Navy "A" ground after being a goal down at the interval. Mackenzie scored for the St. Joseph's who crossed over leading by a goal to nil. After the change of ends, the Drums played a forceful game and Hutchings scored for them. Before the final whistle sounded Crockett scored for the Drums who won by the odd goal in three.

UNIVERSITY v. SOUTH CHINA "B."

The University were successful against South China "B" on the South China ground by two goals to one. Great credit is due to them for they only fielded ten players throughout the game. Cheong opened for the University, who at the interval were leading by a goal to nil.

Scully, of the University, put the ball into his own net in clearing from a shot by Chan Hau Leung but T.K. Lau made the game safe for them when he converted from a centre by Lee.

SOUTH CHINA "A" v. SACRED HEART.

These teams played a well contested game on the St. Joseph's ground all the scoring taking place in the second half. Ko Sik Kwai scored for South China and D. Mahomet for the Sacred Heart. Final score, Sacred Heart 1, South China "A" 1.



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LEAGUE AND FRIENDLY MATCHES.

THE LEAGUE DIVISION I.

H.K.A. v. H.K.C.C. "B."

The H.K.C.C. "B" XI. had an easy victory over the R.G.A. at Happy Valley. Hongkong batted first and Stewart contributed a useful 88, which included 13 fours. The R.G.A. wickets fell rapidly, the eleven being out in 45 minutes. More's bowling was particularly keen. He took seven Army wickets for 18 runs.

Scores:—

H.K.C.C. "B."	R.G.A.
G. F. Stewart, c. Clayton, b. Smith 88	F. J. B. Mitchell, c. Clayton, b. 38
F. J. B. Mitchell, c. Clayton, b. 38	W. J. B. Mitchell, c. Clayton, b. 38
G. R. More, b. Smith 24	L. D. McNicol, c. Dyer, b. Smith 20
L. D. McNicol, c. Dyer, b. Smith 20	H. Owen Hughes, c. Hattersley 13
H. Owen Hughes, c. Hattersley 13	Smith, b. Smith 13
Smith, b. Smith 13	A. C. I. Bowker, not out 5
A. C. I. Bowker, not out 5	H. J. Armstrong, b. Smith 5
H. J. Armstrong, b. Smith 5	Extras 9

Total (for 8 wks., dec.)...181

R. Hancock, D. H. F. McMaster, R. S. Burns and J. P. Bridges did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hattersley	13	2	57	1
Rough	9	1	45	0
Smith	8.3	0	44	5
Jackson	2	0	16	0
Clayton	3	1	10	0

H.K.A.	R.G.A.
Capt. Bensley, c. Owen Hughes, b. Bowker 0	Lieut. Hall, b. More 5
Lieut. Hall, b. More 5	Lieut. Hattersley, c. Burns, b. More 1
Lieut. Hattersley, c. Burns, b. More 1	Major Hattersley Smith, c. Owen Hughes, b. More 3
Major Hattersley Smith, c. Owen Hughes, b. More 3	Lieut. Smith, c. Owen Hughes, b. More 0
Lieut. Smith, c. Owen Hughes, b. More 0	Mr. Gr. Rough, c. Bowker, b. More 0
Mr. Gr. Rough, c. Bowker, b. More 0	Gr. Dyer, c. Owen Hughes, b. 0
Gr. Dyer, c. Owen Hughes, b. 0	Bowler 0
Bowler 0	Gr. Clayton, b. Bowker 2
Gr. Clayton, b. Bowker 2	Gr. Jackson, c. b. More 6
Gr. Jackson, c. b. More 6	Gr. Hall, b. More 4
Gr. Hall, b. More 4	Gr. Goldsmith, not out 6
Gr. Goldsmith, not out 6	Extras 1

Total 33

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bowler	7	3	19	3
More	6.3	2	15	7

I.R.C. v. H.K.C.C. "A."

At Sookunpuo (the Hongkong Club "A" team were defeated by the Indians. The latter batted first and declared at 203. Bhooora knocked up 61, which included eleven fours, and S. H. Ismail made 70 (not out). The Club were put out for 39, Bhooora taking four wickets for seven runs and A. el Arculli four for 13.

Scores:—

INDIAN C.C.	H.K.C.C. "A."
C. H. Bhooora, c. Arthur, b. Webster 61	A. H. Ramjahn, c. Pearce, b. Arthur 25
A. H. Ramjahn, c. Pearce, b. Arthur 25	J. S. A. Curreen, b. Webster 70
J. S. A. Curreen, b. Webster 70	S. H. Ismail, not out 70
S. H. Ismail, not out 70	A. H. Madar, b. Arthur 31
A. H. Madar, b. Arthur 31	Q. Ismail, c. and b. Arthur 5
Q. Ismail, c. and b. Arthur 5	Extras 9

Total (for 5 wks., dec.)...203

U. M. Omar, A. el Arculli, F. M. el Arculli, H. D. Ramjahn and S. A. Ismail did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Young	11	2	45	0
Walker	8	0	29	0
Arthur	7	0	34	3
Webster	8	1	43	2
Humphreys	2	0	15	0
Crawford	4	0	28	0

H.K.C.C. "A."	INDIAN C.C.
T. E. Pearce, c. H. D. Ramjahn, b. Bhooora 0	R. E. A. Webster, c. O. Ismail, b. A. el Arculli 0
R. E. A. Webster, c. O. Ismail, b. A. el Arculli 0	Capt. P. E. Walker, c. and b. A. el Arculli 4
Capt. P. E. Walker, c. and b. A. el Arculli 4	L. P. Ralph, c. Bhooora, b. A. el Arculli 3
L. P. Ralph, c. Bhooora, b. A. el Arculli 3	A. el Arculli, b. Bhooora 17
A. el Arculli, b. Bhooora 17	J. D. Humphreys, not out 17
J. D. Humphreys, not out 17	M. M. Watson, c. S. A. Ismail, b. A. el Arculli 0
M. M. Watson, c. S. A. Ismail, b. A. el Arculli 0	C. Blaker, b. F. M. el Arculli 5
C. Blaker, b. F. M. el Arculli 5	F. N. Young, c. H. D. Ramjahn, b. F. M. el Arculli 6
F. N. Young, c. H. D. Ramjahn, b. F. M. el Arculli 6	S. A. Arthur, c. S. A. Ismail, b. Bhooora 0
S. A. Arthur, c. S. A. Ismail, b. Bhooora 0	Bhooora 0
Bhooora 0	Spicer, b. Bhooora 0
Spicer, b. Bhooora 0	Crawford, b. Bhooora 0
Crawford, b. Bhooora 0	Extras 4

Total 39

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bhooora	9.5	6	7	4
A. el Arculli	8	2	13	4
F. M. el Arculli	5	4	4	2
H. D. Ramjahn	4	0	11	0

C.R.C. v. C.C.C.

The Chinese were at home to Craigen-gower and the match resulted in a draw. Batting first, the home side declared at 150 for eight wickets, and then the visitors made 122 for four when the time limit was reached.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	8	0	28	1
Fletcher	8	0	42	2
Lee	4	0	13	0
Overy	3	0	16	0
Hendie	4	2	4	0
Raven	4	1	15	0
Witchell	4	1	17	0

Total (for 4 wks. dec.)...150

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	8	0	28	1
Fletcher	8	0	42	2
Lee	4	0	13	0
Overy	3	0	16	0
Hendie	4	2	4	0
Raven	4	1	15	0
Witchell	4	1	17	0

Scores:—

C.R.C.	C.C.C.
Ng Sze Kwong, not out 88	H. W. Hung, b. Abbas 97
H. W. Hung, b. Abbas 97	Yang Hin Lun, c. and b. Fincher 0
Yang Hin Lun, c. and b. Fincher 0	O. Choa, c. Kitchell, b. Abbas 0
O. Choa, c. Kitchell, b. Abbas 0	H. Ching, b. Abbas 14
H. Ching, b. Abbas 14	H. C. Hung, c. Xavier, b. Reed 8
H. C. Hung, c. Xavier, b. Reed 8	K. L. Chan, run out 14
K. L. Chan, run out 14	P. S. Wong, c. Fincher, b. Abbas 2
P. S. Wong, c. Fincher, b. Abbas 2	Ng Sze Ching, b. Abbas 3
Ng Sze Ching, b. Abbas 3	C. E. Wong, not out 1
C. E. Wong, not out 1	Extras 12

Total (for 8 wks., dec.)...156

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wan-Lu Shing did not bat.				
Reed	12	3	36	0
Fincher	7	1	24	1
Abbas	13	1	56	5
Fincher	10	3	23	1

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D. Fritz, c. Choa, b. Ching 17	S. Abbas, c. H. Hung, b. Ching 0
S. Abbas, c. H. Hung, b. Ching 0	E. F. Fincher, not out 20
E. F. Fincher, not out 20	A. Kitchell, b. Ching 20
A. Kitchell, b. Ching 20	R. C. Reed, not out 8
R. C. Reed, not out 8	Extras 8

Total (for 4 wickets)...129

M. Pinna, H. M. Xavier, E. Hamson, and L. Schneepel did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ng Sze Kwong	9	0	52	0
H. Ching	18	4	38	4
W. Hung	3	3	3	0
C. E. Wong	2	0	10	0
H. Hung	2	0	11	0

DIVISION II.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. R.E.

The match between the Civil Service and the Royal Engineers, on the former's ground was drawn. The Engineers knocked up 142 runs, but the Civil Service eleven were unable to complete their innings.

Scores:—

R.E.	C.S.C.C. 2nd XI.
Sergt. Cockell, st. Strange, b. Pendered 44	Corpl. Blondin, c. Westlake, b. Sara 47
Corpl. Blondin, c. Westlake, b. Sara 47	Sig. Hollands, c. Nihill, b. Sara 5
Sig. Hollands, c. Nihill, b. Sara 5	Capt. Chippindall, l.h.w. Sara 5
Capt. Chippindall, l.h.w. Sara 5	Sergt. Hamblin, c. Edmonds, b. Sara 2
Sergt. Hamblin, c. Edmonds, b. Sara 2	Sara 2
Sara 2	C.S.M. Smith, b. Edmonds 7
C.S.M. Smith, b. Edmonds 7	S. Sergt. Brown, c. Spillet, b. Edmonds 2
S. Sergt. Brown, c. Spillet, b. Edmonds 2	Q.M.S. Ramsay, c. Squibbs, b. Edmonds 17
Q.M.S. Ramsay, c. Squibbs, b. Edmonds 17	Q.M.S. Faro, c. Alexander, b. Sara 1
Q.M.S. Faro, c. Alexander, b. Sara 1	Q.M.S. Jacobs, c. Westlake, b. Edmonds 4
Q.M.S. Jacobs, c. Westlake, b. Edmonds 4	L. Sergt. Jones, not out 2
L. Sergt. Jones, not out 2	Extras 10

Total 142

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Edmonds	8	0	36	4
Squibbs	4	0	12	0
Sara	10	0	64	5
Pendered	5	0	18	1
Alexander	2	0	2	0

C.S.C.C. 2ND XI.

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C. Alexander, c. Smith, b. Jacobs 12	H. E. Strange, c. Brown, b. Cockell 7
H. E. Strange, c. Brown, b. Cockell 7	F. L. Squibbs, c. Hollands, b. Cockell 5
F. L. Squibbs, c. Hollands, b. Cockell 5	Cockell 16
Cockell 16	T. D. E. Pendered, b. Jacobs 16
T. D. E. Pendered, b. Jacobs 16	J. H. B. Nihill, b. Jones 20
J. H. B. Nihill, b. Jones 20	S. B. Spillet, b. Jacobs 0
S. B. Spillet, b. Jacobs 0	W. H. Edmonds, c. and b. Faro 5
W. H. Edmonds, c. and b. Faro 5	A. W. Grimmit, b. Jacobs 48
A. W. Grimmit, b. Jacobs 48	W. Cullin, l.h.w. Faro 9
W. Cullin, l.h.w. Faro 9	H. Westlake, not out 0
H. Westlake, not out 0	C. Sara, not out 1
C. Sara, not out 1	Extras 2

Total (for 9 wickets)...125

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Jacob	14	2	43	4
Cockell	11	2	47	2
Faro	6	1	23	2
Jones	4	1	1	1

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

KOWLOON C.C. v. SURREYS.

Falling light was responsible for a drawn game between Kowloon and the Surrey. The visitors declared when four wickets had fallen, but when Kowloon had lost six men the match had to be drawn.

Scores:—

EAST SURREY REOT.	KOWLOON C.C.
Lieut. Allfree, b. Fletcher 10	Capt. Kent, run out 1
Capt. Kent, run out 1	C.Q.M.S. Stripp, st. Jex, b. Fletcher 51
C.Q.M.S. Stripp, st. Jex, b. Fletcher 51	Pte. Holliday, not out 69
Pte. Holliday, not out 69	Lieut. Childson, b. Goodwin 17
Lieut. Childson, b. Goodwin 17	Extras 8

Total (for 4 wks. dec.)...150

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	8	0	28	1
Fletcher	8	0	42	2
Lee	4	0	13	0
Overy	3	0	16	0
Hendie	4	2	4	0
Raven	4	1	15	0
Witchell	4	1	17	0

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CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

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Witchell	4	1	17	0

KOWLOON C.C.

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A. W. Ramsay, b. Kent 41	R. C. Stripp, st. Stripp, b. Clark 38
R. C. Stripp, st. Stripp, b. Clark 38	J. C. Lyle, b. Clark 9
J. C. Lyle, b. Clark 9	F. Goovin, b. Kent 4
F. Goovin, b. Kent 4	J. H. Hendie, c. Kent, b. Clark 1
J. H. Hendie, c. Kent, b. Clark 1	H. J. P. Masters, b. Kent 11
H. J. P. Masters, b. Kent 11	G. Lee, not out 4
G. Lee, not out 4	S. Jex, not out 12
S. Jex, not out 12	Extras 12

Total (for 6 wks.)...125

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. Rowe	6	0	27	0
Capt. Carpenter	5	1	17	0
Clark	7	1	33	3
Bandman Wood	2	0	17	0
Capt. Kent	4	0	23	3

C.C.C. 2nd XI. v. K.C.C. 2nd XI.

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K.C.C. 11.—1ST INNINGS.

THE SHIPPING TRADE OF HONGKONG.

CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE PROVISION OF WHARFAGE.

COMMUNICATIONS, PRODUCTS AND INDUSTRIES OF SOUTH AND MIDDLE CHINA.

The following are extracts from the Report by Mr. John Duncan, Port Engineer, on the subject of the Commercial Development of the Port of Hongkong.

Before passing to detailed consideration of the present trade and of the developments which will best serve the interests of the Port, it is necessary to consider the nature of the products and the industries and communications of South and Middle China.

In his despatch to the Secretary of State, His Excellency refers to the prospects of the Kowloon-Canton and Canton-Hankow Railways being linked up in the near future, and the Consulting Engineers were called in to advise as to the best means of providing the necessary terminal wharves at Kowloon. Although numerous complaints had been received by Government of the high charges obtaining for the handling and storage of the commodities of the present trade, and fears expressed on the possibility of its being deflected, the terms of reference to the Consulting Engineers subordinated the consideration of the needs of the present trade of the Port to a railway which is only partly constructed and which in China's unsettled state is unlikely to be completed for many years to come. The question of Port Developments has in my opinion been considered from a wrong premise.

RAILWAY COMMUNICATION.

At present there exists a single line railway from Kowloon to Tai Sha Tau, Canton, a distance of about 112 miles. The Canton-Hankow Railway, commencing from Wong Sha, Canton, some 6 miles distant from Tai Sha Tau, and is constructed as a single line as far as Shichow some 125 miles distant from Canton. A length of about 230 miles has yet to be constructed to a point about 30 miles south of Changsha before single line through communication from Canton to North China can be established. Moreover, as far as I have been able to ascertain, all railway bridges north of Canton are in a very bad state of repair, so that until considerable expense has also been incurred in the reconstruction of existing works, bulk cargoes such as coal, ore, etc., cannot be conveyed from the North by rail to Canton; and certainly not to Hongkong, unless the line from Wong Sha to Tai Sha Tau is constructed, thus connecting the two lines and establishing direct communication from Kowloon to North China.

Let it be supposed that through railway communication to North China is established. What will then be the situation so far as economic transport by rail to Hongkong versus by water via the Tung Ting Lake and the Yangtze to Shanghai? If, for the moment, the transport of perishables and very valuable goods which require maximum expedition be disregarded and the total of transport from the interior of Middle and South China to foreign destinations be considered as the primary factor controlling the export and import movement of the country, it will be found—on the reasonably correct average assumption, based on the rail and water-borne trade in America at the beginning of the Great War that one mile of rail haul is equal to 4 miles of water haul, and making due allowance for transshipment at Hankow—that the "Economic Divide" is somewhere in the vicinity of Hengchow (Hengyang). In this connection it may be of interest to note that in May, 1923, the freight on grain from New York to Liverpool was 2s. 6d. per cwt.; this has been compared with the railway rate from Liverpool to London for the same article of 1/4d. per cwt. Of course, many other factors enter into this question such as mobile equipment, transshipment machinery at the intermediate points of handling, and at the Ports or "Gateways," warehousing facilities, transshipment costs and rapid turnaround for vessels in Port, frequent and definite marine sailings at the terminal ports requiring well-balanced port traffic in and out. The most important factors, however, are the charges by rail, by water, terminal and overseas. The "Economic Divide" referred to is based on total transport only. In July of this year, at a dinner given at the British Empire Exhibition (Wembley) by the Commissioners of the Hongkong Section, Sir John Jordan is reported as having said: "It is on the extension of the railway in South and Central China that Hongkong may justly build many hopes. When the line from Canton is through to Hankow, Hongkong, in conjunction with Canton, will become the great outlet for the produce of all China south of the Yangtze." In my opinion, there is no likelihood whatever of goods from beyond Changsha coming to Hongkong by rail. They will continue to pass through the Tung Ting Lake to the Yangtze, there being navigable channels in that lake area, during the winter months, when the least depth of water is about 4ft. 6ins. This extremely shallow depth of water (winter) will not, in my opinion, be sufficient cause alone to deflect goods—apart from perishables—by rail. The depth of water in the Yangtze between Shanghai and Hankow is such that river steamboats are employed in the trade between these ports throughout the whole year. During part of the summer, coarser and ocean-going steamers are able to proceed to Hankow. At such times river steamboats are able to proceed to Changsha and the tugs and lighters—which ordinarily carry on the trade between Hankow and Changsha—are able to proceed as far as Hengchow. At all other times, transshipment from barge to river steamer and vice versa takes place at Hankow.

Trade with Central China via the Pacific will, without doubt, be dealt with at Shanghai. Whilst the railway would undoubtedly bring products to Hongkong for shipment to European countries, the question of developments necessary for the trade of the Port as at present carried on, is, in my opinion, of primary importance.

MINERAL PRODUCTS.

With regard to the products South of Changsha, there is little information available. Coal is mined in considerable quantities at Pingsiang, to which place a branch railway about 35 miles in length connects with the main line at Chuchow, some 20 miles south from Changsha. The coal mined there, I understand, is absorbed by the Hankow Ironworks. In any case, it is improbable that it will come to Hongkong whilst coal can be obtained from Hongay in French Indo-China, Formosa, Japan and Chinwangtao (North China).

On the Drawing referred to, which is copied from a map dated 1922 and edited by Sir Alexander Hosie, M.A., LL.D., F.R.G.S., formerly H.B.M. Consul-General, China, coalfields are shown to exist near Hengchow (Hengyang), again to the east of Shichow and also near the confluence of the Pei Kiang (North River), and the Kwei Kiang (West River) but as to their extent or the quality of the coal, or indeed as to any of the minerals (viz.: zinc, tin, arsenic, asbestos, silver, gold, copper, antimony and iron) indicated as existing in the south of the Hunan Province I have been unable to ascertain that their recovery is of commercial importance. At present coal can be brought to Hongkong from Chinwangtao or Hongay at a cost of about \$3.50 per ton including loading charges. Based on the present transport charges and on condition that there will be sufficient return traffic, it is estimated that for the same sum at which coal can be loaded at the mines, shipped at Chinwangtao and brought to Hongkong, coal could be loaded and brought by rail to Hongkong from a point about 400 miles distant or near Hengchow. Coal mined in the neighbourhood of Canton or as far north as Yingtak will undoubtedly be water-borne. There, therefore, remains the area between Yingtak and Hengchow to be served by the railway. From the information available, it would seem that there is little likelihood of the importation of coal and ores from this district, in which case there is no necessity at present for considering developments to meet a trade in mineral products. But, by all means reserve an area of the harbour front for dealing with any future possibilities in this direction.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

With regard to agricultural products south of Changsha and near the railway, there are indicated on the drawing or map: tea, and tea-oil, ramie grass, or fibre, tobacco, hemp, groundnuts, sugar and wheat. The product indicated to be of greatest predominance is tea, grown in the centre of the province of Hunan. With regard to this commodity, it must be borne in mind that, due to competition from India and Ceylon, China has lost the predominant position which she once held in the tea trade and although spasmodic attempts have been made from time to time to recover it, they so far have proved hopeless against India and Ceylon's more scientific methods of production. At present, the products of cultivation in the areas in question, to great extent, are consumed locally. Although the Chinese peoples are very conservative, clinging tenaciously to established methods and customs, there are many signs that they are now realizing the advantages of western inventions and there is no doubt that in time their present methods will give way to more intensive cultivation on scientific lines and to the preparation of the products in competition with other markets.

The manufacture of silk fabrics, porcelain, wood and ivory carvings, furniture, grass mats, paper and embroidery, constitute the chief industries south of the "Economic Divide." With the exception of silk, these articles of industry are not likely to affect, appreciably, the export trade of the Port.

Until railway communication with Changsha is established and there are signs of the necessary feeder lines and good roads being constructed, I submit there will be no financial justification for Hongkong to embark on works solely on account of the Railway. However, if the shipping interests of the Port advise that wharfrage for deep-draughted ocean-going steamers is necessary for the trade as at present carried on and will guarantee a reasonable return on the capital expenditure, then by all means provide the wharfrage and let it be designed to provide for future railway communication.

HONGKONG'S IMPORT TRADE.

The following notes are from the fortnightly circular issued by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce:

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—Beyond a few small sales or white and grey shirtings there is nothing of importance to report in the way of new business. Intervention of Christmas and New Year Holidays has interfered with clearances. Latest cotton quotations to hand are those of 31st ult.

Cotton Yarn.—We have to report a dull and lifeless market. No important sale has taken place, and prices show a downward tendency. Quotations are: No. 10s at \$225 to \$240, No. 12s at \$230 to \$240, No. 16s at \$240 to \$254, No. 20s at \$230 to \$240. Arrivals, 2,900 bales. Shipments, nil. Sales, nil. Unsold stock, 5,900 bales. Bargains, 2,200 bales.

Raw Cottons.—No business to report. Metals.—Market quiet and steady.

Flour.—Stock about 850,000. Market steady.

Sundries.—Market steadier.

Sugar.—Market dull at reduced rates. Sulphur.—Block 5,000 bags. Good demand for 10 per cent. refraction.

A SHANGHAI LOAN DISPUTE.

DENT BANKRUPTCY TRUSTEES CLAIM T.L.S. 20,000.

BANQUE DE L'INDO CHINE CLAIMANT.

A question of considerable legal and commercial interest was involved in a motion heard by his Honour Judge Sir Skinner Turner in H.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai on December 20th. The matter was brought forward by the Banque de l'Indo Chine, who applied for an order that the sum of Tls. 10,130 deposited with the Court by the French trustee of Mr. R. V. Dent, be paid to the bank, and the application was opposed by the trustee in bankruptcy.

Mr. R. N. Macleod appeared for the Bank and Mr. A. C. Holborow for the trustee.

The facts of the case, which are not in dispute, were set forth in a series of affidavits which Mr. Macleod read. In one of these, Mr. R. V. Dent stated that in July 1923, the Mayor Silk Mill, a Chinese firm, applied to him for a loan of Tls. 20,000, for one year at 9 per cent, to be secured on silk in their godowns and on their loans and by a guarantee to be given by Mr. Moh Song Ching. To enable him to make this loan, he applied to the Banque de l'Indo Chine for an advance of a similar amount, informing the Banque of the purpose for which the advance was required and stating the nature of the security furnished by the Mayor Co. The Banque agreed, whereupon he informed the company that he would make the required loan, and drew up the form of promissory note, mill receipt and letter, and guarantee at the foot of the promissory note and mill receipt, and these he required the company to have made out in duplicate and to be signed by the company and their guarantor. Mr. Dent then filled up one of the Banque's forms of memorandum of deposit and the form of promissory note on the reverse side, signing them in the name of Dent & Co., and drew and delivered to the Mayor Company a cheque for Tls. 19,400, the amount of the advance, less his 3 per cent. commission. The advance appeared in the books of Dent & Co. as a debt due to them by the Mayor Silk Mill. When he applied to the Banque for the advance, nothing was said as to his obtaining or depositing with them the Mill's promissory note and although this was subsequently forwarded to the Banque, it was not done in pursuance of any agreement made with them.

Mr. Dent went on to say that when in July, 1923, he was notified by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank that his credit had been stopped, he at once informed the Banque, saying he had no alternative but to file his petition in bankruptcy. A representative of the Banque then called and requested him to sign the Mayor Mill's promissory note, but this he declined to do, as he had stopped business and had filed his petition. He called a meeting of creditors the same afternoon, but the Banque did not send a representative. The Banque subsequently sent in a debit note for the amount of the advance.

Mr. Dent further stated in his affidavit that in the course of and as part of his business he had from time to time made considerable advances to Chinese silk dealers on the security of silk and cocoons to enable them to carry on their business and for the purpose of securing their custom, and the advance made by him to the Mayor Mill differed only from such advances in that the security was left in the Mill's possession. Some of these advances were made from money in his possession, but for the most part the advances were borrowed from various banks, loans in such case generally being made at a rate of interest 1 per cent. higher than the rate charged by the bank, as in the case of the advance to the Mayor Mill.

FRENCH COURT DECLINES TO ADJUDICATE.

Mr. Gaston Simonnet, sub-manager of the Banque de l'Indo Chine, in an affidavit said that the promissory note was deposited by Mr. Dent with the Banque as security, together with other documents, including two insurance policies for a total of Tls. 30,000. In July 1923, the Mayor Silk Mill repaid the loan with interest, into the French Mixed Court pending the court's decision as to who was entitled to the money, and the French Mixed Court held it was not competent to decide, indicating that the Supreme Court was the proper tribunal. It was accordingly agreed by the parties in Mr. Dent's bankruptcy and by the Banque that the sum advanced should be transferred to the Supreme Court to await a decision of the court.

Mr. Louis Ardain, manager of the Banque de l'Indo Chine, stated in an affidavit that the Banque was under French Government control and, according to its statutes, could not have made this advance against the signature of Mr. Dent alone. It could only do so against the signatures of Mr. Dent and some other solvent person or persons, or against his signature plus the deposit of effective securities. In this case he took it that both the signature of Mr. Dent and of the Mill would be given as a matter of course. It was the invariable practice of the Banque, he believed, the practice of all foreign banks, where money was advanced to a foreigner to enable him to make a loan to a Chinese, to require the foreigner to deposit with the bank all securities received by him from the Chinese against such loan. If he had noticed that the promissory note in this case was not endorsed to the Banque, he would have insisted upon this being done before the advance was made to Mr. Dent, and, although it was immaterial so far as the Banque was concerned, he would have taken steps to have the promissory note included in the list of securities in the Memorandum of Deposit. Omission to have these steps taken was a simple oversight. He believed that Mr. Dent, in depositing the promissory note with the Banque, intended to transfer his rights in it to the

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FIRES IN KOWLOON.

FATAL OUTBREAK EARLY YESTERDAY.

NINE LIVES LOST.

Two serious outbreaks of fire occurred in Kowloon yesterday.

The first broke out just before 3 p.m. in Woosung Street and engines from Tsim Sha Tsui and Mongkok were sent to the spot, where the house from 55-61 inclusive were found to be ablaze. On the arrival of the first appliances, two men were found hanging from the second floor windows at No. 55, Woosung Street and Stakhqi Street. The escapes were fetched and both men were rescued. The fire was got under control at 6 a.m., but by this time the whole of No. 61—three upper floors of 50 and 51, and two upper floors of 55 had been burnt out.

Nine dead bodies were recovered from the burning building.

A SECOND OUTBREAK.

At 1.36 p.m., a call was received from Hungshou to a fire at 97, Wuhu Street, a building whose ground floor was used as a general shop and the upper floor as tenements. The outbreak was quelled by 2.20 p.m. There was no loss of life, but the damage will, it is feared, prove costly.

TO AID ST. PATRICK'S CLUB. CONCERT BY H.M.S. "DIOMEDE" TROUPE.

The H.M.S. *Diomedé* variety troupe gave a concert on Saturday evening at the St. Patrick's Club. The entertainment was in aid of the Club funds, the organiser being Sergeant Simes, while the general arrangements were in the charge of Messrs. Gwyer and Fisher.

The accompanists were Mr. Turner and the *Diomedé* Jazz Band, and the programme was as follows: (1) Comic song, "My wife makes me call her teacher," J. D. Simes. (2) Song, "Bells of the Sea," F. A. Holland. (3) Monologue, "Oxton 'Ero," R. Ashman. (4) Melodious and Rags, *Diomedé* Quartette. (5) Comic song, "Turned up," J. T. Lacey. (6) Song, "Wonderful pal," W. Madge-wick. (7) Song, "Ninon," E. P. Hill-yard. (8) Monologue, "East End on Saturday night," R. Ashman. (9) Song, F. Strickland. (10) Melodious and Rags, *Diomedé* Quartette. (11) Comic song, "Hello! What's the name?" J. D. Simes. (12) Song, F. A. Holland. (13) Comic song, "Want to go back to Pa and Ma," J. T. Lacey. A conjuring item by Mr. Savage completed the entertainment.

JAPANESE IN TROUBLE.

DISORDERLY NEW YEAR CONDUCT.

Two Japanese appeared at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning charged with breaches of the peace. One whilst in a drunken state was said to have gone into a tailor's shop and ripped up several jackets and to have thrown the top of a sewing machine out of the window. Not content with this he stabbed the tailor in the arm. He was sentenced to a month's hard labour on the charge of disturbing the peace, and ordered to pay \$50 as compensation.

Another, charged with disorderly conduct, whilst under the influence of drink, in a house in Leetung Street, was fined \$25 for possessing a dagger, and ordered to pay compensation for the damage he had caused to the furniture in the house.

Banque and, if he had been called upon to do so, would have so endorsed the note without objection.

AN OVERSIGHT BY THE BANQUE.

In the course of a lengthy argument of the case for the Banque, Mr. Macleod contended that the promissory note was signed by way of an equitable mortgage or pledge, but it was only part of the security given by the Chinese and assigned to the Banque. The money was paid by the Mill into the Mixed Court in discharge of the loan and for the purpose of releasing the securities, and there seemed to be no real reason why the Banque should not have the money. If it was argued that the Banque could not claim on the promissory note because it was not endorsed and because it was not mentioned in the "Memorandum of deposit," the complete answer was that the note was only a part of the security given. The intention of the parties was an equitable transfer, and the non-inclusion of the promissory note in the list of securities was purely an oversight. Counsel strongly emphasized the justice of his client's claim in equity.

Mr. Holborow argued that the court was bound strictly by the memorandum of deposit, and, as the promissory note was not mentioned in this document, the Banque could not now come forward as a secured creditor. In law, the general body of creditors were entitled to this sum of money, promissory note or no promissory note. The situation was expressly confined to and bound by the terms of a written document, viz. the memorandum of transfer, and nothing was said to the Banque about the promissory note. It was going a long way to suggest that the invariable practice of banks was to make a loan only on some security which the borrower got from Chinese. The fact was banks did not know whether Chinese credit was good, or care whether they got security from Chinese or not. Unfortunately, the Banque de l'Indo Chine overlooked Mr. Dent's financial position. Counsel argued, in effect, that his case involved really two loan transactions; one between Mr. Dent and the Mayor Mill and the other between Mr. Dent and the Banque.

The hearing was adjourned.—N.C. Daily News.

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TENDERS FOR SPECIE AND MEXICAN DOLLARS current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer, on the London Commission, to and for the sum of £20,000, will be received by the **TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE**, until 4 o'clock A.M., on the 5th JANUARY, 1925. The Tenders to state the total amount (in Pounds sterling). No Telegraphic Transfer will be made for less than £100. The Tenders to be in Duplicate, and to be sealed and addressed to the **TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, COMMAND PAY OFFICE**, and endorsed "TENDERS FOR GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC." The right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders is reserved. Copies of Forms of Tender can be had on application. Notified that, having regard to the provisions of the Act 22 George III, Cap. 45 and 41, George III, Cap. 55, the acceptance of any such Tender is subject to the express condition that no Member of the British House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part in or to any benefit to arise from the Contract thereby made for the allotment of such Bills. The provisions in question do not apply to Contracts entered into by any incorporated Company in its corporate capacity and made for the general benefit of the Company. **R. A. DOBBIN, Lt.-Col.,** Treasury Chest Officer, R.A.P.C. His Majesty's Treasury Office, R.A.P.C. Hongkong, 5th January, 1925. [1584]

NOTICE.

MR. ANTONIO ALEXANDRINO ROSSELLO BOTELHO, has THIS DAY Been Authorized to Sign Our Firm Name Per Procreation. **BOTELHO BROS.** Hongkong, 2nd January, 1925. [1580]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **MR. N. BLUMENTHOL** has THIS DAY Ceased to have any connection with the Firm of **N. BLUMENTHOL & CO.,** of No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Hongkong, Wine and Spirits Merchants. **N. BLUMENTHOL & CO.** Hongkong, 2nd January, 1925. [1581]

NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY RELINQUISHED the Agency of **THE SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.,** of GÖTEBORG, **THE SWEDISH TRADING CO., LTD.** Hongkong 1st January, 1925. [1575]

NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY Taken Over the Agency of **THE SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.,** of GÖTEBORG, **GILMAN & CO., LTD.,** 44, Des Voeux Road Central, Telephone No. C. 290. Hongkong, 1st January, 1925. [1576]

NOTICE.

WRIGLEY & COMPANY. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Interest and Responsibility of **MR. T. W. HOBSON** in Our Firm will Cease as and From the 31st Day of DECEMBER, 1924. **WRIGLEY & COMPANY.** Hongkong, 31st December, 1924. [1574]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1925.

ENTRIES for the Forthcoming Races Close on SATURDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 1925, at 3 P.M., and must be sent to the **SECRETARY, c/o LINSTED & DAVIS,** Alexandra Buildings, on or before This Date. Entry Forms are now Ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, Race Course, HONGKONG CLUB, or LINSTED & DAVIS. [1522]

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DEATH.

Collaco.—At Shanghai, on December 29th, 1924, **ETHELBERTO ANTONIO COLLACO**, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. COLLACO, in his 15th year.

Hongkong Office: 1A, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 5TH, 1925.

CHINA'S FOREIGN TRADE.

THE Peking cable we publish to-day, reporting that the revenue of the Maritime Customs Administration of China for 1924 shows a substantial increase on that of 1923, which was the previous highest, must cause many readers to wonder how this can be reconciled with the constant reports throughout the year of dullness of trade owing to the disturbed conditions prevailing in the country. We have had such surprises now for several years past, but the comparison of the returns of one year with those of another have been rendered very misleading principally by reason of wide fluctuations in exchange as well as by changing price levels since the Great War. These factors, however, do not enter into calculations on the present occasion to anything like the same extent. They have been fairly steady factors during the past two years, and what is more, the Revised Import Tariff has been in force now for practically two full years. Consequently it is possible to conclude that the difference between the figures for these two years forms conclusive evidence that China's foreign trade continued to expand in spite of all the grave disorders, with their resulting unrest and insecurity which have prevailed over the greater part of China. We may recall for example how severely trade has been handicapped in the province of Kwangtung—one of Hongkong's principal trade markets—throughout the

whole year. We know, too, that the war between the provinces of Chekiang and Kiangsu brought about the suspension of native banking facilities, and that this, combined with military control of railways and junk routes, caused a practical suspension of business in that important trade region for many weeks on end. All the Yangtze ports must have felt the effect of these hostilities on trade. The trade of Tientsin and many of the other Northern ports likewise must have experienced the harmful effects of the greater war in the North. The British Chamber of Commerce *Journal*, reviewing the effect of the hostilities on the country's trade, a few months ago, said the chances were that the figures for the whole year—taking into account the fact that trade had been but "fair" during the earlier part of the year—would show a considerable falling off as against 1923, "unless a miracle happened and troubles ceased within the confines of China."

We do not know that it can be said that a "miracle" has happened since, unless the abrupt termination of the war can be so described. Even so, it cannot be said that trade conditions have improved very markedly since then, especially in the vicinity of China's principal distributing port—Shanghai. Nevertheless, in spite of all these adverse circumstances, we have this remarkable advance of over six million taels in the Customs revenue. When the full reports are published by the Customs Administration we may be able to discover the points of reconciliation between the merchants' view and the Customs' view of the trade situation. However the divergence of view is to be reconciled, the Customs revenue return seems pretty conclusive evidence of growth in foreign trade. Meanwhile the financial centres of the world, where uneasiness may have been caused by unsatisfactory trade reports from China, will be gratified to learn that all foreign loans and the indemnity obligations secured on the Customs have been fully met or covered in full, and that the Domestic Loan Service under the management of the Inspector General of Customs has also been met in full. These facts go to justify the time-worn conclusion that, given freedom from political disturbance and a satisfactory adjustment of the country's financial problems, there is a bright future ahead for China's foreign trade.

Mr. B. G. Tours, H.B.M. Consul-General at Tsinanfu, has been transferred Yokohama.

A fall of earth injured two workmen employed by the Netherlands Harbour Works on the foreshore at North Point on Friday morning.

Fire broke out at the residence of Mr. F. H. Pentecost at No. 351, The Peak, on Friday, but the Police extinguished the flames before much damage was caused.

In view of the great demand that has arisen for seats for "Saint Joan," the Hongkong A.D.C., has made arrangements whereby 25 seats may be reserved. This applies to the evening performances only.

Three cases of diphtheria—"1 British, 1 Scottish and 1 Chinese"—were notified to the Medical Officer of Health during the 24 hours ended the 2nd inst. There was also one Scottish case of typhoid.

The British North Borneo paper of December 16th says:—"We are still having heavy rains practically every day; tennis is out of the question and the golf course is very wet. If this weather continues the excellent padi crop will be almost entirely ruined."

Travelers to Japan will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Horace Reginald Johnson, Chief Steward of the Oriental Hotel, Kobe. The late Mr. Johnson was, at one time, connected with large hotels in London, Paris, Cairo and San Francisco as Chief. He joined the Tokyo Kisen Kaisha in 1911 as travelling steward, going from ship to ship instructing stewards how to improve the service of the company's ships. He was appointed Chief Steward of The Oriental Hotel in January, 1916, upon its purchase by the T.E.K.

The Captain of the s.s. *Chusan* reports that on the trip from Canton a Chinese woman coolie jumped overboard and was drowned. It is presumed that extreme poverty was responsible for the woman taking her life.

His many friends will be sorry to hear that Mr. A. E. Holmes-B

THE TEST CRICKET.

REMARKABLE STAND BY HOBBS AND SUTCLIFFE.

THE VICTORIOUS "ALL BLACKS."

A TOUR WITHOUT DEFEAT.

FLOODS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TEST CRICKET.

ENGLAND MAKING BOLD BID FOR VICTORY.

NEARLY 300 WITHOUT LOSS.

MELBOURNE, January 3rd.

The weather was glorious to-day when the second test match was resumed on a perfect wicket before a crowd of 48,000. When stumps were drawn, England had scored 283 without loss, Hobbs being 154 and Sutcliffe 123, both not out, with extras numbering 4.

It was a magnificent partnership between Hobbs, the superb, and Sutcliffe, the accomplished stylist.

In making 100 for the first wicket, on the third consecutive occasion, the pair have created a record for Test matches.

While Hobbs has reached 2,000 runs for Test matches between England and Australia, beating MacLaren's record of 1,931, several Australians have reached 2,000.

Each batsman hit 12 fours. There was the most remarkable enthusiasm at the close of play, the spectators jumping the rails, surrounding Hobbs and Sutcliffe, and patting them on the back. The scores at present are:

W. Bardsley, c. Strudwick, b. Gilligan 19
H. L. Collins, c. Strudwick, b. Tate 9
Arthur Richardson, run out 14
M. Ponsford, b. Tate 128
J. M. Taylor, run out 72
Victor Richardson, run out 138
C. Kelleway, c. Strudwick, b. Gilligan 32
A. E. Hartkopf, c. Chapman, b. Gilligan 60
J. M. Gregory, c. Gilligan, b. Tate 44
W. A. Oldfield, not out 49
A. A. Mailey, l.h.w. Douglas 24
Extras 4
Total 283

AUSTRALIA.

1st Innings.
Gilligan 114
Tate 142
Douglas 63
Woolley 28
Hearne 69
Tydesley 130
Total 600

Bowling Analysis.

Gilligan 114
Tate 142
Douglas 63
Woolley 28
Hearne 69
Tydesley 130
Total 600

ENGLAND.

1st Innings.
J. B. Hobbs, not out 154
H. Sutcliffe, not out 123
Extras 6
Total (no wicket) 283

CRICKET IN AFRICA.

LIGHT SPOILS SECOND TEST MATCH.

DURBAN, January 3rd.

The weather was hot, and there was a small attendance on the Test being resumed. The wicket was good.

Mr. Joel's eleven scored 255, Nupen taking 5 wickets for 63.

South Africa replied with 281, having scored 200 for the loss of 7 wickets only. Taylor contributed 112.

Mr. Joel's team, in the second innings, scored 174, Holmes making 81.

Nupen took seven wickets for 46.

Stumps were drawn early owing to the bad light. The match will be continued on Monday.

RUGBY INTERNATIONAL.

NEW ZEALANDERS WIN AGAINST ENGLAND.

A TOUR WITHOUT DEFEAT.

LONDON, January 3rd.

The "All Blacks," the New Zealand Rugby XV, concluded their tour in England to-day when they defeated the England team by 17 points to 11 at Twickenham. They have won all their 23 engagements, thus surpassing the famous "All Blacks" of 1905, who lost one match out of 32 and altogether scored 654 points against 98.

In to-day's match, an unpleasant incident occurred when Cyril Brownlie, the New Zealander, was sent off the field ten minutes from the start of the game.

The referee, Mr. A. Freethy, of Wales, states that he ordered Brownlie off the field for deliberately kicking one of the England forwards on the leg while he (the forward) was lying face downwards on the ground. Mr. Freethy adds that he warned each side "generally" three times; therefore he "was obliged to act drastically."

REFEREE'S DECISION QUESTIONED.

LONDON, January 4th.

With reference to the ordering of Brownlie off the field at Twickenham yesterday, Mr. Dean, the "All Blacks" manager, said the "All Blacks" are of opinion the referee made a mistake. No such action as alleged occurred. Brownlie emphatically denied he was guilty of the conduct attributed to him.

THE GAME.

The game started at 2.30 p.m. in dull threatening weather, with a boisterous sou'wester blowing. The ground, following the heavy rains, was soft. Fifty thousand people paid for admission. The Prince of Wales received a tremendous ovation on arrival at the ground. His Royal Highness shook hands with each player in both teams, being rapturously received by the New Zealanders, who gave their "war-cry."

At the outset, England attacked, but a free-kick relieved the pressure. Five minutes from the start England continued to press but met a wonderfully sound defence.

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England's forwards scrummaged splendidly. Several penalty kicks were given against New Zealand. Fifteen minutes from the start Vooce (England), secured from the scrum, kicked past Nepia and Cove Smith, and dashing up scored a try for England wide out. Brough failed to convert. Five minutes later, England was penalised near the half-way line. Nepia took the kick, the ball going very close to the posts. The New Zealanders continued to press and Steel attempted to drop a goal, but missed.

Again England was penalised, and Nepia found touch within a few yards of the home line. Fierce scrummages ensued, but Young cleared.

Faulty handling by England let in the "All Blacks" and, after much scrummaging on the line, Cooke flung out to Svenson, who scored wide out. Nicholls, however, failed to convert.

The New Zealanders played up with determination and from a scrum near the home line, Steel went over near the corner. Nicholls again failed to convert. Just before the interval, Nicholls scored a penalty goal.

At half-time the score was:
New Zealand: 2 tries, 1 penalty; 9 points.
England: 1 try; 3 points.

THE SECOND HALF.

Immediately after the resumption, Corbett, by a clever kick, carried the play into the New Zealand half. The English forwards were still scrummaging, safely and kept up the pressure. Occasionally, the home backs got going, but they were never allowed to make much ground.

The game now veered round in favour of the visitors and 10 minutes from the resumption, M. Brownlie crossed close to the corner-flag. The place kick was a most difficult one, but Nicholls, by a grand effort, converted and made the score 14-3 in the visitors' favour.

The New Zealanders continued to attack, and Richardson, gathering in the loose, managed—although collared—to pass the ball to Svenson who scrambled over the line and scored a try. Nicholls failed to convert (17-3).

New Zealand being penalised, Wickes found touch well up the field; and a minute later, a capital passing movement by the home backs saw Gibbs racing away in grand style. He kicked ahead, and an exciting race ensued; it resulted in favour of the visitors, who just managed to touch down. Another penalty was awarded England, but Brough missed. Gibbs got away, ran splendidly, but finished with a kick ahead just over the line, which Mill (New Zealand) just managed to touch down, saving a certain try. The "All Blacks," a little later, were penalised and Corbett kicked a goal, making the score 17-0, still in favour of the visitors. Shortly before the end, the England team were hard pressed on their own line, but Young started a passing movement. Hamilton kicked them broke away and passed to Rittermeyer, who finished a great movement by scoring a try under the bar. Conway converted, making England's score 11. England finished strongly, but no further scoring took place.

The final scores were:
New Zealand: 3 tries, 1 penalty goal; 1 goal; 17 points.
England: 2 tries, 1 goal; 11 points.

OPIUM CONFERENCE.

BRITISH CABINET SPOKESMEN NEEDED AT GENEVA.

SUNDAY PAPER'S OPINION.

LONDON, January 4th.

The Observer, referring to the Opium Conference to-day, says that Sir Malcolm Delevingne hitherto has played his part with the greatest ability and goodwill. Nevertheless it seems unanswerably clear that a British delegation directly representative of Cabinet responsibility should be sent to Geneva this week.

BURGLARY AT A LEGATION.

STATE DOCUMENTS STOLEN.

WARSAW, January 4th.

Robbers broke into the Czechoslovakian Legation, forced a safe and decamped with diplomatic documents, and telegraph codes. Safes containing the Legation's funds were untouched. The police suspect the Communists since it is known that the Soviet Government has been perturbed recently by the improved relations between Czechoslovakia and Poland, and by the forthcoming conclusion of a treaty between the two countries.

RUSSIA AND FRANCE.

TCHITCHERIN EXPOUNDS POLICY OF SOVIET IN ASIA.

PARIS, January 3rd.

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HOME FOOTBALL.

LATEST LEAGUE MATCHES.

LONDON, January 1st.

The following are the results of to-day's league matches:—

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

Birmingham, 2; Sunderland, 1.
Burnley, 1; Preston N.E., 0.
Bury, 1; Bolton W., 0.
Leeds U., 0; Cardiff C., 0.
Liverpool, 2; Arsenal, 1.
Newcastle U., 4; Aston Villa, 1.
Nottingham, 0; Manchester C., 3.
Sheffield U., 1; Huddersfield T., 1.
Tottenham H., 1; Notts C., 1.
W. Bromwich A., 3; Everton, 0.
W. Ham. U., 2; Blackburn R., 0.

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION II.

Blackpool, 0; Hull City, 0.
Bradford C., 3; Warrington W., 1.
Chelsea, 4; Oldham A., 1.
Crystal P., 0; Clapton O., 1.
Derby C., 0; Portsmouth, 1.
Manchester U., 2; Stoke, 0.
Middlesbrough, 1; Leicester C., 0.
Port Vale, 2; Burnley, 0.
Southampton, 1; Wednesday, 0.
Stockport C., 1; Coventry U., 1.
The match between South Shields and Fulham was postponed, owing to the ground being water-logged.

DIVISION III: SOUTHERN.

Brentford, 1; Plymouth A., 0.
Exeter C., 2; Merthyr, 2.
Luton T., 0; Bournemouth B.A., 2.
Millwall, 1; Brighton and H.A., 1.
Norwich C., 0; Bristol C., 0.
Southern C., 0; Northampton, 1.
Watford, 1; Gillingham, 2.

The following matches were postponed:—Aberdeen v. Swindon T.; Bristol R. v. Queen's Park R.; Newport City v. Charlton A.; Swansea Town v. Reading. All postponements were due owing to the grounds being water-logged.

DIVISION III: NORTHERN.

Accrington, 2; Chesterfield, 2.
Aldershot, 1; Nelson, 1.
Crewe Alex., 1; Walsall, 1.
Doncaster R., 2; Lincoln C., 1.
Grimsby T., 2; Bradford, 0.
Halifax T., 4; Rotherham C., 0.
Hartlepool U., 1; Darlington, 1.
New Brighton, 2; Wrexham, 1.
Southport, 0; Barrow, 0.
Wigan B., 2; Rochdale, 3.

The match between Durham City and Tranmere R. had to be postponed, owing to the ground being under water.

SCOTTISH: DIVISION I.

Aberdeen, 1; Falkirk, 1.
Airdrieonians, 3; Celtic, 1.
Ayr United, 2; Hearts, 1.
Dundee, 0; Partick T., 2.
Hibernians, 2; Kilmarnock, 0.
Motherwell, 4; Queen's P., 1.
Raith R., 0; Hamilton A., 1.
Rangers, 3; Morton, 0.
St. Mirren, 2; Cowdenbeath, 2.
Third Lanark, 0; St. Johnstone, 2.

MATCHES ON FRIDAY.

LONDON, January 2nd.

In the Northern section of the Third Division of the English Football League, to-day's matches resulted as follows:—Aldershot, 4; Rochdale, 3.
Darlington, 3; Halifax Town, 0.

SHIPS IN COLLISION.

"NARINGA" AND "CELEBES" AT PORT SAID.

LONDON, January 4th.

A message from Port Said states that the British steamer *Naranga*, bound from London to Bombay, and the Dutch steamer *Celebes*, journeying from Amsterdam to Batavia, have collided in port. No details are available.

HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED.

PORT SAID, January 4th.

The a.s. *Naranga* has had her stern seriously damaged. Her bow-plates are also damaged, six feet below the water-line. The surveyor recommends she should be repaired sufficiently to proceed to Bombay. Her detention here will probably not prove serious.

The a.s. *Celebes* was anchored at the time of the collision, preparing to get under way.

She was struck on the starboard quarter. Her starboard side plating was damaged above the water-line. Her poop deck was partly carried away and the cabins on the starboard side of the poop were smashed; davits were carried away and some of the life-boats damaged.

S.S. "GINYO MARU."

LONDON, January 4th.

A message from Manila states the a.s. *Ginyo Maru* has arrived there in a disabled condition. The fire has been extinguished, but the extent of the damage is not known.

[An earlier cable stated that the *Ginyo Maru* was being towed to port by the Panama steamer City of San Francisco.]

RUSSIA AND FRANCE.

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POLITICS IN ITALY.

MUSCOLINI PROMISES STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS.

FOR NOW THE ARBITER.

ROME, January 4th.

Following on the suspension of the Opposition Journals, startling political developments are forecasted in a speech in the Chamber by Signor Mussolini. The Premier, in the course of a fighting utterance which his supporters regard as the greatest triumph of his career, said his persistent efforts for pacification had been rejected by the Opposition. The latter always misinterpreted his actions and he, consequently, had come to the conclusion that force must be the arbiter between Fascism and the Opposition. He promised the situation would be completely cleared up within forty-eight hours.

Signor Mussolini said he was not seeking a vote of confidence; he even had too many. Strangely he denied the accusation he had founded a *Chetka* such as caused the execution of 100,000 people in Russia without trial.

The Chamber adjourned at the conclusion of the speech, after which Premier Mussolini immediately summoned the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Communications, the Heads of the Carabinieri and the detective force. Measures were decided on to counteract any eventuality in the breach of the peace.

NEW GERMAN CABINET.

HERR MARX MAY FORM NON-PARTY MINISTRY.

BERLIN, January 4th.

Herr Marx has accepted the invitation to form a non-party Government.

POLITICAL DEADLOCK.

Though the Reichstag reassembles tomorrow, the political deadlock continues. Herr Marx, a fortnight ago, abandoned his conference with the Party leaders with a view to the formation of a big coalition mentioned on December 8th, the main difficulty being the refusal of Herr Stresemann's People's Party further to support Marx in a minority Government and its insistence on the inclusion of the Nationalists in the new Government.

President Ebert had asked Herr Stresemann to form a Cabinet, but the refusal of the Centre to co-operate with the Nationalists, compelled Herr Stresemann to decline. Herr Marx thereafter was credited with the determination to waste no more time at party bargaining, but to reorganise the minority ministry. President Ebert, however, after the New Year lull urged Marx again to get in touch with the leaders of the Centre, Democratic and People's Parties, which Marx today did with the result he announced it is impossible to form a coalition Government, commanding a majority in the Reichstag.

OBITUARY.

COLONEL HUSSEY-WALSH.

LONDON, January 3rd.

The death is announced of Lieut.-Col. William Hussey-Walsh.

SIR FRANCIS GOULD.

LONDON, January 2nd.

The death has occurred of the cartoonist, Sir F. C. Gould.

[By the death of Sir Francis Carruthers Gould, who celebrated his 80th birthday on December 2nd, a noted figure has been removed from political journalism. The late Sir Francis had been producing cartoons almost daily for the *Illustrated London News* for many years. Lord Rosebery once described him as the Liberal Party's greatest asset. For over 20 years he was a member of the London Stock Exchange. He illustrated the Christmas Number of *Truth* for many years, and was a constant contributor to the *Punch and Gazette*, till it passed to Mr. Astor. His publications include a large number of Stock Exchange sketches and caricatures for private circulation; "Who Killed Cock Robin?" (1897); "Tales told in the Zoo" (with one of his sons, 1900); *Froissart's Modern Chronicles*; also *Westminster Cartoons*. For many years Sir Francis edited and illustrated *Picture Politics*. His first exhibition of original drawings, which afterwards became an annual affair, was held in 1892, and was only interrupted after 22 years by the late war. He also issued a self-illustrated volume of poems, in 1922.]

PROFESSOR BERGONIO.

BONDAUX, January 2nd.

Science has claimed another martyr in the person of Professor Bergonio, who has died after months of suffering from the ravages of Rontgen rays, with which he experimented with brilliant success, particularly against cancer.

Despite successive amputations, the Professor only abandoned his laboratory when he had become a hopeless cripple. He was recently awarded the Grand Cordón of the Legion of Honour.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

PARIS, January 2nd.

Another French chemist, M. Demenitroux, aged 40, has died from a disease caused by radium researches.—*Reuter*.

LATEST CABLES.

BAD WEATHER AT HOME.

EFFECT OF TEMPEST COVERS LARGE AREA.

RIVERS IN SPATE.

LONDON, January 4th.

The tempest abated last night, but the outlook is unwatery. The effect of the storm is wide-spread over all districts in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

From everywhere come reports of farmsteads isolated and farm lands flooded. The rivers Severn and Shannon, which are normally 200 yards wide, are swollen to a width of nearly two miles over a large extent of their courses. There have been similar inundations by other rivers—notably the Wyre and the Usk. Trains in the Teign Valley, in Devon, are running through several feet of water. The low-lying quarters in Worcester, Dublin, Carlisle, Oswestry and other towns are under water.

The country between Spalding and Peterborough resembles an inland sea. The Vale of Glamorgan has been converted into a lake.

MINERS NOW IDLE.

Ten thousand miners are idle in Monmouthshire owing to the storm and a further 5,000 are likely to be affected to-day. Some of the biggest collieries in Forest Dean will probably be closing in consequence of the flooding.

EARLIER CABLES.

S.O.S. FROM "GLENSANDA."

LONDON, January 2nd.

An event of the gale on the British coast was a Hastings wireless amateur picking up a S.O.S. from the liner *Gleensanda*, bound from Shanghai for Hamburg, stating that she was drifting and out of control thirty miles south of Beachy Head, with a crew of sixty, including many Chinese.

A tug is proceeding from Newhaven to assist the vessel, which later wireless-ed saying she did not require assistance for the present.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

GALE IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, January 2nd.

Like England, New York has been the victim of the wildest weather, snow driven by a sixty-mile-an-hour gale rapidly filling the streets and rendering walking virtually impossible. Six thousand snow plough workers are mobilised, but it is expected the snow will be some six inches deep to-night, making suburban dwellers homing a difficult task.

STEAMERS MISSING.

MEXICO CITY, January 2nd.

Attempts are being made to locate the steamship *Tamiami*, with two hundred passengers aboard; also five schooners, which left Vera Cruz on December 23rd, for Gulf ports.

It is feared all have been lost in gales.

LATEST CABLES.

FINANCE CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON APPOINTS THREE DELEGATES.

WASHINGTON, January 4th.

The American Ambassadors to London and Paris, together with Colonel Logan, unofficial American delegate on the Reparation Commission, will represent the United States at the Allied Finance Ministers' meeting on January 7th.

MR. NORMAN'S VISIT.

ONE OF CUSTOMARY TRIPS TO U.S.

NEW YORK, January 3rd.

The Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank states the visit of Mr. Montagu Norman is one of his customary trips made during the past few years, for the purpose of conferring with officers of the Federal Bank, which is the New York representative of the Bank of England.

FEATHER-WEIGHT CHAMPION.

KID KAPLAN WINS WORLD TITLE.

NEW YORK, January 4th.

Kid Kaplan won the World's Feather-weight Championship, when he "technically" knocked out "Danny" Kramer in the ninth round of a bout staged here to-day.

AMERICAN COTTON.

MANUFACTURERS ANNOUNCE CUT IN WAGES.

FALL RIVER, January 3rd.

Thirty corporations, members of the Cotton Manufacturers' Association, have announced a ten per cent. reduction in wages as from February 1st.

STEAMER ON FIRE IN CALE.

CLYDE LINER BEACHED.

LEWES (Delaware), January 2nd.

A fire aboard the Clyde liner *Mohawk* has been extinguished after exciting scenes. The fire started in the after hold and spread to the after saloon. The 270 passengers donned lifebelts in readiness to take to the lifeboats. A high gale and driving snowstorm forced the vessel to take refuge in Delaware Bay. Five tugs went to assist her, and a cutter finally took off the passengers.

LATER.

The *Mohawk* has been beached here.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WU'S FORCES GROWING.

HANKOW, January 3rd.

Marshal Wu Pei Fu is remaining at Tachien station. His troops are now estimated at over 1,000. His train carries five goods-cars, which are said to be laden with arms and ammunition.

ILLNESS OF DR. SUN.

PEKING, January 3rd.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen's medical adviser has issued a bulletin, which states Dr. Sun has suffered from dyspepsia and indigestion for the last ten years. Examination, after his arrival at Tientsin, showed chronic inflammation of the liver. In consequence, it is necessary he should remain in bed and refrain from social and political functions. Dr. Sun suffers much pain. After a fortnight's steady progress, the patient's condition became stationary until Christmas Day, when his temperature and pulse rose and his doctor advised his removal to Peking, where greater facilities are obtainable. A consultation has been held here at which seven doctors, including three Peking Union Medical Experts and Dr. Krieg and Dr. Dipper (of the German Hospital) unanimously found: (1) That his ailment was serious; (2) That the malady was not of a malignant character; (3) That complete rest and constant medical observation was necessary; (4) That later on Dr. Sun might require special surgical treatment in hospital; (5) That prospects of his complete recovery in the near future are rather promising.

AMNESTY IN PEKING.

PEKING, January 2nd.

A mandate grants amnesty to all prisoners excepting Tsao Kuo, who must face a public trial, members of Parliament concerned in Tsao Kuo's election, who will be placed before the forthcoming national conference, and offenders charged with robbery, murder, rape, arson and breaking dykes.

The mandate says the disturbances of the last thirteen years and the abuses for which the military have been responsible have resulted in the destruction of the people and many persons have been led to offend against the laws. The general amnesty is proclaimed to mark an epochal event in the lives of the people and the history of the Chinese Republic.

Another mandate abolishes the College of Marshals.

THE SUNGLANG OUTBREAK.

SHANGHAI, January 3rd.

Reports from Sungkiang indicate that General Chen Loh San's movements against General Sun Chuan Fang have been practically dissipated, and that there are possibilities of the trouble ending within a day or two.

General Sun Chuan Fang gained the advantage by first attacking and appears to have retained it in the fighting, which has not been serious.

Sun Chuan Fang's troops have occupied Sungkiang, while Chen Loh San's forces have retired to Hsienchiang, ten miles from Shanghai, where they are being held in check by a force sent down there by Chang Yuen Ming, at present Military Governor of Shanghai.

Chen Loh San arrived here last night and has taken refuge in the French Consession.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

MILITARY APPOINTMENT.

PEKING, January 2nd.

Mi Chen Piao, ex-Tuchun of Jehol, has been appointed Assistant Director of Military Affairs in Honan.

INVESTIGATION ORDERED.

PEKING, January 2nd.

A mandate issued on December 31st instructs the Ministry of War to investigate the responsibility of Chang Hsi Yuan, ex-Tuchun of Chahar, for the recent Kalgan looting, and also cashier and orders for trial General Chang Chen Piao, Commandant of the Fourth Mixed Brigade, which did the looting.

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION.

PEKING, January 2nd.

Tuan Chi Jui, yesterday, received the members of the Cabinet and civil and military officials.

The Foreign Ministers, to-day, called on Tuan

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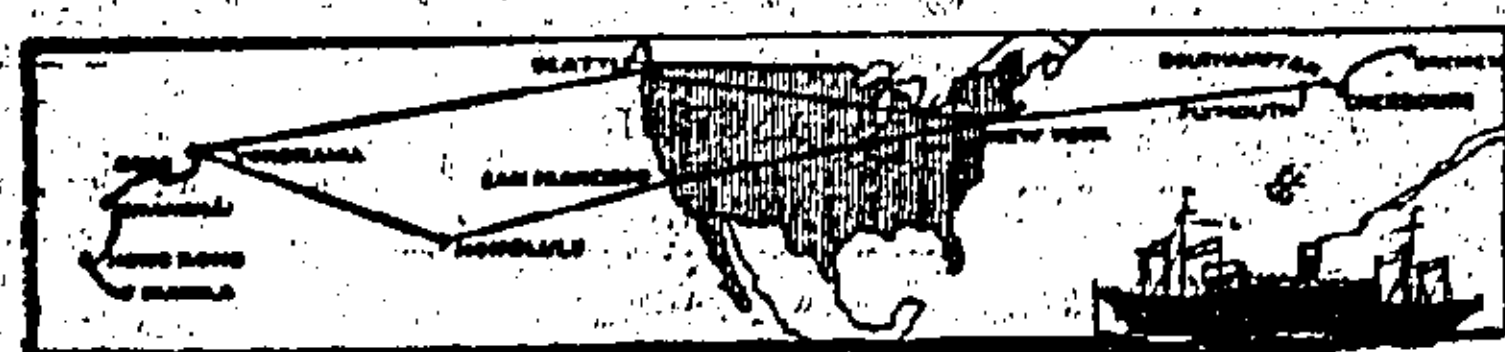
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WORK IN COTTON MILLS.

EXTENSION OF HOURS.

MANCHESTER, November 25th.
From December 1st, mills spinning American cotton are to extend working hours to 39½ per week. This means 4½ days of normal working per week and correspondingly increased earnings for the operatives. Mills are at liberty to distribute the actual hours according to their convenience, but in many cases they will run from Tuesday morning to Saturday noon. This near approach to full-time working is the result of the latest ballot of the federation mills, which was announced at the federation offices this afternoon. The actual figures were: 84.48 per cent. in favour of the Short Time Committee's recommendation; 7.61 per cent. against; no reply, 5.93 per cent. These are percentages of the total number of spinning spindles owned by mills in the American section of the trade that are members of the federation.

It is an unusually heavy and representative vote, and the committee to be deducted from it are stretched by the information, officially communicated to day, that non-members, owning nearly 2,000,000 spindles, engaged on American cotton have also signified their willingness to accept the federation's proposal. The federation is reminding its members who have voted for the fresh extension of hours from 32 to 39½ that their signatures on the ballot-papers are regarded as definite and binding undertakings on the part of such firms, and on the principle of majority rule the federation confidently rely upon every firm in the American spinning section falling into line.

Mr. F. Mills, chairman of the Short Time Organization Committee of the Federation, expressed his gratification on finding how correctly the Committee by its recommendations had interpreted the wishes of the bulk of the members, and said the Committee took the result of the ballot as implying a vote of confidence by the trade generally.

Sir Charles Macara, 1st Bt., although he supported the federation's appeal for loyalty and unity, is still inclined to doubt the wisdom of the present moment. In a speech to the provisional emergency committee to-day, made just before the ballot results were declared, he emphasized the fact that the federation and its members are working in the dark so long as they take their decisions "by guesswork" as to the exact state of the trade. This exact diagnosis could only be made if there were that systematic and comprehensive collection of statistics of production, consumption, and stocks for which he had long been appealing, and which he would have established if necessary even by legal enactment. In his opinion the Short Time Committee would have been justified in declining to extend the hours to 39½ or to take a ballot on 25th until they had the statistics. Such a course would create confidence all round.

Hopeful views were expressed this afternoon at the annual meeting of the Manchester Cotton Association, a voluntary organization which watches the interests of importers, merchants, and buyers of raw cotton. Mr. Jess Thorpe, who laid down the presidency after two active and useful years' service in this important position, said there were to-day distinctly brighter conditions for the cotton trade as a whole than had existed for the last four years. The world was now assured of an ample supply of raw cotton from this season's crops, including American, Egyptian, and Indian, while Brazil, Peru, and other countries in South America all gave promise of larger yields, and in addition there were the new sources of supply, especially in Africa and Australia, producing more cotton than in previous years.

It was gratifying, he said, that the mills spinning American cotton, after several years of severe depression and loss, were now invariably holding their own, and the improvement in trade conditions there was a reasonable hope of nominal running after the turn of the year.

In this sentence the words "full weeks" refer to mill running two full weeks and standing a third, an arrangement of short-time running which suits many firms to make. Several other speakers at the Cotton Association meeting used similarly optimistic expressions with regard to the state of trade and the immediate prospects. —The Times.

PREMIER'S DRAMATIC
REVELATION.

HISTORY OF CAMPBELL CASE.

LONDON, December 12th.
Mr. Baldwin, speaking in the House of Commons, dramatically revealed the late Labour Government's secret relative to the Campbell case, namely, that Mr. MacDonald's Cabinet had issued an instruction to the Attorney-General that the latter should not direct any political prosecution without the sanction of the Cabinet. "This," said Mr. Baldwin, "is unconstitutional and subversive of the administration of justice and derogatory to the office of the Attorney-General." The new Government had, therefore, directed this instruction to be rescinded. Mr. Baldwin added that there was no reason to inquire into the Campbell case in view of the country's decisive verdict at the polls.

Mr. MacDonald inquired whether Labour also would be allowed to publish information from Cabinet minutes but from instructions recorded departmentally.

The House of Clergy of the Church Assembly discussed on November 25th proposed changes in the Baptismal service, and agreed, by a majority, to the permissive use of a lighted candle and of "the white vesture commonly called the chrisom."

BARRISTERS AND THEIR WIGS.

That the Presidency of Woodrow Wilson should spread the fame of wigs seems an irrational sequence of cause and effect. But there is no doubt of the fact, says the *Daily Telegraph*. To President Wilson the world owes the League of Nations; from the League of Nations came the International Court of Justice, now established at The Hague, and the English barristers pleading before that Court have just been instructed by the Bar Council that they must wear their wigs. Thus, it is thought, they will impress the litigating nations with the dignity of the English Bar. We can well believe it, for in these degenerate days no man outside the British Empire ever dreams of wearing a wig—except to atone for the omissions of Nature. That the wig is not imitative, but an official vestment, the poor alien knows not. We do not doubt that our barristers at The Hague will convince him that it adds much to the authority of the advocate. It is only fair that the English lawyer, who has to cope with rivals in scarlet robes and saintly headgear, should show them that he also has his ancient pomp. Not that the wig is of immemorial antiquity. There is no inevitable association between law and wigs. The lawyer only took to the wig when everybody else wore it, but, being professionally prone to be governed by precedent, could not take it off when the rest of the world did. The old joke has it that "the Bar went into mourning at the death of Queen Anne and never came out again."

Somewhere about that time the black gown and the wig became the fashion, and since then the Bar has used no wig at the Bar. In the year 1705 Queen Anne gave the great seal to Lord Cowper. "He looked very young, and wearing his own hair made him appear yet more so; which the Queen observing, obliged him to cut it off, telling him the world would say she had given the Seals to a boy." When he appeared in a wig people did not know him. He was the last Lord Chancellor who never wore a wig at the Bar. In those days the only wear for people of importance was the periwig. Queen Anne was furious when one of her ministers appeared before her in a small-twig. "Next time, I suppose, his lordship will come in his night-cap." So the Judges and Queen's Counsel put on full-bottomed wigs, while the stuff gownmen were content with a "moderate wig." When George III came to the throne in 1760 men began to wear their own hair again. By the end of the century only the clerical men, the doctors and the lawyers still kept their wigs on. The doctors soon gave it up. The bishops stood out longer. Archbishop Howley, who died in 1845, always wore a wig. Archbishop Sumner was seen in a wig at the wedding of the late Empress Frederick in 1898. That seems to have been the last official appearance of a wig on an episcopal head. But who can foresee the day when legal heads will go bare? It has been said that lawyers are always Tories. This is clearly confirmed by their devotion to wigs.

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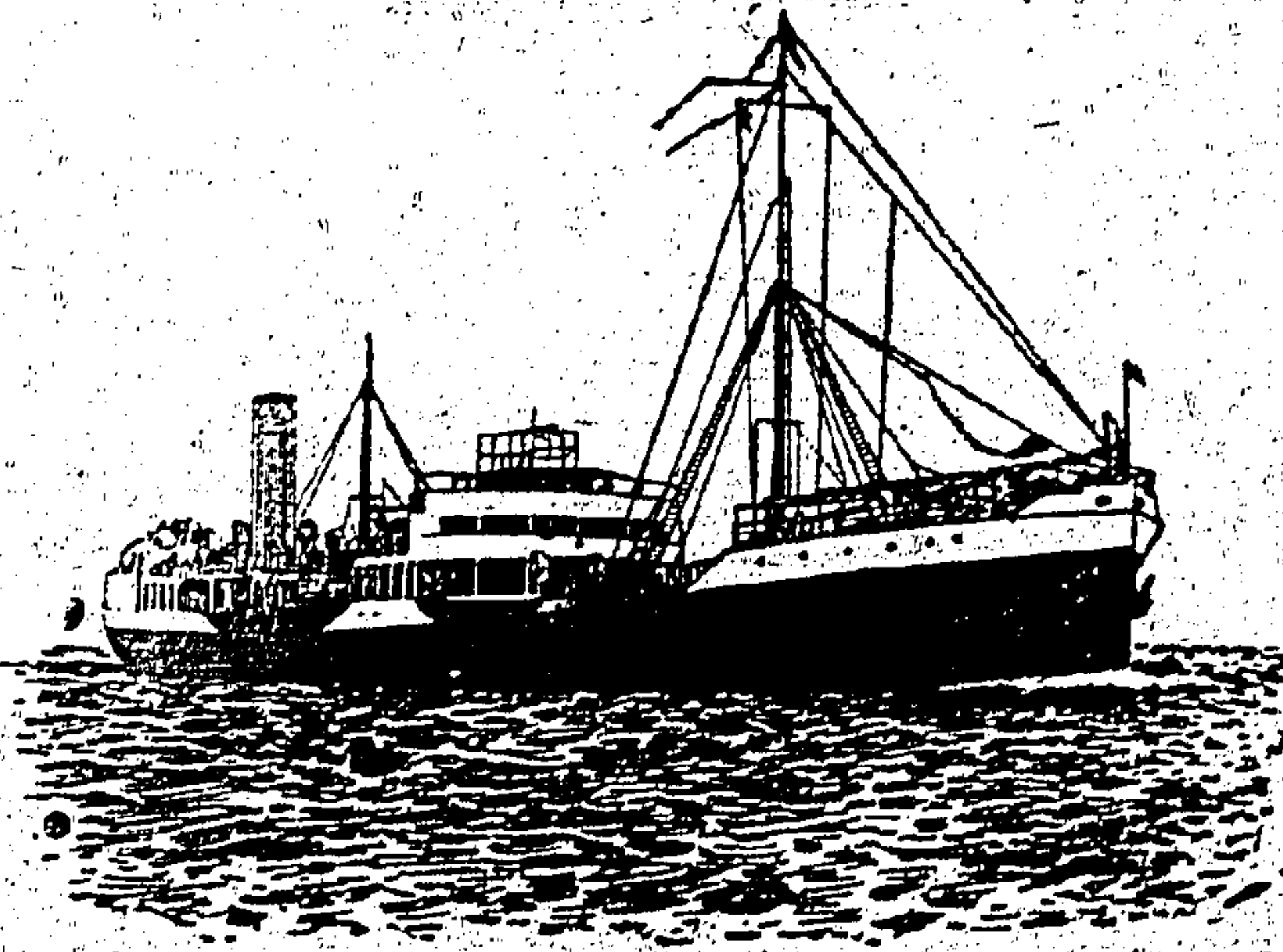
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"TANDA"	8,958	7th Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	8,896	31st Feb.	do.
"SICILIA"	8,813	7th Mar.	do.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	7th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	7th Mar.	Singapore, Moji & Kobe.
"KARNATA"	9,088	21st Mar.	do.
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	3rd Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	8,884	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"NAOYA"	8,954	22nd Apr.	do.
"MOREA"	10,911	1st May	do.
"TANDA"	8,958	9th May	Moji & Kobe.
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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LINAN"	On 7th Jan., Noon.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 8th Jan., 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 8th Jan., 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LIANGCHOW"	On 10th Jan., Noon.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SUZYANG"	On 12th Jan., 5 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 13th Jan., 11 a.m.
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